

THE RED SWORDGRASS: *XYLENA VETUSTA* HBN. AT KINTAIL, WESTER ROSS. — In my paper on *Pontania crassipes* (Thomson) in *Ent. Record*, 92: 250, I mentioned a "Sword Grass moth". At the time I thought it was *Xylena exsoleta* L. (The Sword Grass), but further examination of the specimen shows it to be *X. vetusta* Hbn. — A .D. LISTON, 99 Clermiston Road, Edinburgh, EH12 6UU.

CROESIA FORSKALEANA L., GYPSONOMA ACERIANA DUP. AND EUCOSMA OBUMBRATANA L. & Z. IN COUNTY CORK. — On the evening of August 17 1980, I caught a specimen of *C. forskaleana* at m.v. trap at Douglas, Cork City (V.C. H4). Beirne (1941, List of the Microlepidoptera of Ireland, *Proc. R. Ir. Acad.* XLVII (B) No. 4) considered the occurrence of this species in Ireland to be "doubtful".

At the same location, on August 23rd, I obtained a ♂ *G. aceriana*, also at m.v. trap. Beirne (*op. cit.*) refers to an old record of this species from Co. Sligo, but he states that the record should refer to *G. sociana* Haw.

Another record of interest is that of *E. obumbratana* at m.v. trap at Ballymaloe near Cloyne (V.C. H5) on August 9th. This species was first recorded from Ireland by Bradley and Pelham-Clinton (1967, *The Lepidoptera of the Burren, Co., Clare, W. Ireland, Ent. Gaz.*, 18: 115-153). A further Irish record is from Lispopple, Co. Dublin, at m.v. trap on July 26 1973. All four specimens were seen by Mr. Chalmers-Hunt, who kindly confirmed the determination. — K. G. M. BOND, 24, Lislee Road, Douglas, Cork, Eire.

MELANTHIA PROCELLATA (D. & S.) IN NORTH WALES. — After taking two worn specimens at the North Wales Naturalists' Trust Reserve at Bryn Pydew (V-C 49), in early September 1979, I found the species to be well established there in August 1980 among *Clematis vitalba*. A distribution map kindly supplied by Biological Records shows it to occur mainly south and east of a line drawn from north Lincolnshire to Pembrokeshire with two dots in Shropshire and two rather surprising records from Islay and Galway; does *Clematis vitalba* grow in west Scotland? I have seen a specimen which was found in the Beetham - Silverdale district of north Lancashire where the plant is now established. — H. N. MICHAELIS, 5 Glan y Mor, Glan Conwy, Colwyn Bay, Clywd.

A LATE LARVA OF PIERIS BRASSICAE (L.). — On 31st December 1980, I found a larva crawling up the wall of my garage with a view to pupating and had probably fed on nearby spring cauliflower. On being brought indoors, it saw in the New Year by pupating on 2nd January 1981. — H. N. MICHAELIS, 5 Glan y Mor, Glan Conwy, Colwyn Bay, Clywd.

MELANIC SCALLOPED HAZEL: ODONTOPERA BIDENTATA CLERCK. — A melanic female was taken on a doorstep in the Viewlands area of Perth, Tayside on May 20th 1980. This is the first melanic specimen of this moth from this area to come to our notice. — R. W. BOYNE and M. A. TAYLOR, Perth Museum and Art Gallery, George Street, Perth.